Development of Areca in Kadur Taluk

567. Sri M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that there is very good scope for the development of areca in Kadur Taluk in Chickmagalur District;

(*b*) whether the public of Kadur taluk are urging the Government to give proper aid for the development of areca by establishing a research station at Birur ;

(*c*) the action, the Government intends to take for the development of areca in Kadur and Tarikere taluks of Chickmagalur District ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Action is taken as per schemes drawn up.

Stationing a Fire Brigade Unit in Chickmagalur

585. Sri C. M. S. SASTRY (Chickmagalur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there had been a move by the Government to locate a Fire Brigade Unit in Chickmagalur;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that the previous Chickmagalur Municipal Council had resolved that there is a necessity of such a facility ;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to locate a Fire Brigade Unit now at Chickmagalur and if so, when ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question of opening a Fire Station at Chickmagalur will be considered when the Chickmagalur Municipal Council comes forward with a request to establish a Fire Station, agreeing to pay 50 per cent of the recurring and non-recurring expenditure.